

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 702

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Natural Resources – Yellow Perch – Harvest Restrictions” and substitute “Yellow Perch Conservation and Sustainability Act”; strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 3 down through “date” in line 11 and substitute “requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt certain regulations relating to yellow perch by a certain date; requiring the yellow perch management strategy adopted under this Act to be based on certain objectives and measures; requiring the Department to incorporate certain objectives into a certain fishery management plan for yellow perch”; strike in their entirety lines 16 through 20, inclusive; and in line 23, strike “4-710(j)” and substitute “4-215.2”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 3, strike “the dwindling stock of” and substitute “and allocate”; in line 6, strike “commercial fishery” and substitute “recreational and commercial fisheries”; in lines 8 and 9, strike “questionable science-based”; in line 9, strike “allow the” and substitute “continue the current practices of”; and in line 15, strike “95%” and substitute “the majority”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 2 and 3, strike beginning with “4-215” in line 22 on page 2 down through “**REPEALED**” in line 21 on page 3 and substitute:

“4-215.2.

(A) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2008, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT:

(Over)

(1) PROVIDE A MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR YELLOW PERCH THAT ENABLES YELLOW PERCH TO MIGRATE TO HISTORICAL SPAWNING RIVERS AND STREAMS BEFORE SPAWNING; AND

(2) EQUITABLY ALLOCATE HARVESTS OF YELLOW PERCH BETWEEN RECREATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL HARVESTERS.

(B) THE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE BASED ON OBJECTIVES AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES THAT ARE DEVELOPED IN CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDER ORGANIZATIONS AND THE ADVISORY COMMISSIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 4-204 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCORPORATE THE OBJECTIVES AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION INTO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR YELLOW PERCH ESTABLISHED UNDER § 4-215 OF THIS SUBTITLE”.